

HELPFUL TIPS ABOUT CATS IN TREES

Most cats: will come down on their own in 3 to 5 days.
 are between 6 months and 1 ½ years old
 will come down in the dark (naturally nocturnal animals)

Cats must come down backwards, not head first. Declawed cats absolutely cannot come down.

Tree climbers charge for their service.

If your cat is stuck in a tree on someone else's property, permission is needed from the property owner to climb their tree.

It is illegal to climb a power or utility pole.

For cats stuck in walls, chimneys, and behind water heaters, securely drape a blanket down to the cat so they can climb out.

If the cat is declawed, ill, or on medication, it should be rescued as soon as possible.

Very young kittens (8-16 weeks) tend to go to the top of the tree but will usually come right back down.

Suggestions:

Place food (tuna or something the cat likes) as high up in the tree as you can reach with a ladder.

Make your best efforts in talking the cat down and placing food up in the tree just before going to bed.

Do not let the cat see you in the house or on a deck. Do all your coaxing and "bonding" with the cat from the base of the tree.

Be patient. Nature is on our side – birds, windstorms, having to relieve themselves all work in our favor.

Put all dogs in the house or garage until the cat comes down, especially for the nighttime hours.